




Decentralised EU Agencies

Distinct from the EU institutions, the agencies of the European Union are specialist bodies set up to advise the Institutions and Member States in areas that affect everyone living in the Union. Their offices are located in member states across the EU, providing services, information, and know-how. Note that most report to the European commission, the EU Executive Body.

Official name	Abbreviation	Location	Member state	Est.	Members and observers
European Agency for Safety and Health at Work	EU-OSHA	Bilbao	 Spain	1994	members: EU states , European Commission ^[4]
European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training	Cedefop	Thessaloniki	 Greece	1975	members: EU states observers: Iceland, Norway ^[5]
European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions	EUROFOUND	Dublin	 Ireland	1975	members: EU states , European Commission observers: EFTA ^[6]
European Environment Agency	EEA	Copenhagen	 Denmark	1994	members: EU states , Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland, Turkey ^[7] co-operating: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia
European Institute of Innovation and Technology	EIT	Budapest	 Hungary	2010	members: EU states
European Training Foundation	ETF	Turin	 Italy	1994	members: EU states , European Commission ^[8]
European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction	EMCDDA	Lisbon	 Portugal	1993	members: EU states , European Commission , European Parliament ,

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European Medicines Agency	EMA	Amsterdam (since 2019) London (1995–2019) ^[a]	 Netherlands (UK till 2019) ^[a]	1995	Norway observers: Turkey ^[9] members: EU states , European Commission , European Parliament observers: Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway ^[11]
European Union Intellectual Property Office ^[12]	EUIPO ^[13]	Alicante	 Spain	1994	members: EU states , European Commission ^[14]
Community Plant Variety Office	CPVO	Angers	 France	1994	members: EU states , European Commission ^[15]
Translation Centre for the Bodies of the European Union	CdT	Luxembourg City	 Luxembourg	1994	members: EU states , European Commission ^[16]
European Food Safety Authority	EFSA	Parma	 Italy	2002	members: EU states observers European Commission , Iceland, Norway, Switzerland
European Maritime Safety Agency	EMSA	Lisbon	 Portugal	2002	members: EU states , European Commission , Iceland, Norway ^[17]
European Aviation Safety Agency	EASA	Cologne	 Germany	2003	members: EU states , European Commission , Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland ^[18] observers: Albania, Bosnia

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European Union Agency for Cybersecurity	ENISA	Athens	 Greece	2005	and Herzegovina, North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, UNMIK ^[19] members: EU states ^[20]
European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control	ECDC	Stockholm	 Sweden	2005	members: EU states , European Commission , European Parliament observers: Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway ^[21] members: EU states , European Commission
European Union Agency for the Space Programme	EUSPA	Prague	 Czechia	2021 ^[22]	observers: Norway, European Space Agency ^[23]
European Railway Agency	ERA	Valenciennes and Lille	 France	2004	members: EU states , European Commission , Norway ^[24]
European Fisheries Control Agency	EFCA	Vigo	 Spain	2005	members: EU states , European Commission ^[25]
European Chemicals Agency	ECHA	Helsinki	 Finland	2007	members: EU states , European Commission , European Parliament observers: Iceland, Norway ^[26]
European Institute for Gender Equality	EIGE	Vilnius	 Lithuania	2007	members: EU states ^[27]

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European Defence Agency	EDA	Brussels	 Belgium	2004	members: EU states without Denmark; European Commission participant: Norway
European Institute for Security Studies	EUISS	Paris	 France	2001	
European Union Satellite Centre	SatCen	Torrejón de Ardoz	 Spain	2002	
The European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training	CEPOL	Budapest (since 2014) Bramshill (2005–2014)	 Hungary (UK till 2014)	2005	members: EU states without Denmark associates: Iceland, Norway, Switzerland ^[28]
European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation	Europol	The Hague	 Netherlands	1998	members: EU states
European body for the enhancement of judicial co-operation	Eurojust	The Hague	 Netherlands	2002	members: EU states
Fundamental Rights Agency	FRA	Vienna	 Austria	2007	members: EU states , European Commission , Council of Europe ^[29]
Body of European Regulators of Electronic Communications	BEREC	Riga	 Latvia	2010	members: EU states , European Commission ^[30]
European Systemic Risk Board	ESRB	Frankfurt	 Germany	2010	^[31]
Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators	ACER	Ljubljana	 Slovenia	2009	
European Banking Authority	EBA	Paris (since 2019)	 France (UK till 2019) ^[a]	2011	^[32]

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		London (2011–2019) ^[a]			
European Securities and Markets Authority	ESMA	Paris	 France	2011	^[33]
European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority	EIOPA	Frankfurt	 Germany	2011	^[34]
European Asylum Support Office	EASO	Valletta	 Malta	2011 ^[35]	
European Agency for the operational management of large-scale IT Systems in the area of freedom, security and justice ^{[36][35]}	eu-LISA ^[37]	Tallinn ^[38]	 Estonia	2012	
European Border and Coast Guard Agency	Frontex	Warsaw	 Poland	2016 ^[39]	members: EU states , except Ireland, Schengen Area states not members of the EU
European Labour Authority	ELA	Bratislava	 Slovakia	2019	members: EU states , European Commission , European Parliament ^{[40][41]}

Regulatory Authorities in Individual European Countries



Regulatory Tracker

This is a list of drug and medical device regulators in individual European countries. It is presented as an example. For most of the “Decentralized (EU) Agencies” listed above, there are comparable agencies at the individual country level. The list is organized by regional affiliation with the European Union (EU), European Free Trade Association (EFTA) and other European countries.

Country

European Union (EU)

	Drug Regulatory Authority	Medical Devices Regulatory Authority	Ministry of Health
Austria	Federal Office for Safety in Health Care (BASG)	Federal Office for Safety in Health Care (BASG)	Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs, Health and Consumer Protection
Belgium	Federal Agency for Medicines and Health Products (FAMHP)	Federal Agency for Medicines and Health Products (FAMHP)	Federal Public Service (FPS) Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment

Bulgaria	Bulgarian Drug Agency (BDA)	Bulgarian Drug Agency (BDA)	Ministry of Health
Croatia	Agency for medicinal products and medical devices of Croatia (HALMED)	Agency for medicinal products and medical devices of Croatia (HALMED)	Ministry of Health
Cyprus	Ministry of Health – Pharmaceutical Services	Ministry of Health – Medical & Public Health Services, Cyprus Medical Devices Competent Authority	Ministry of Health
Czech Republic	State Institute for Drug Control (SUKL)	State Institute for Drug Control (SUKL)	Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic
Denmark	Danish Medicines Agency	Danish Medicines Agency	Ministry of Health
Estonia	Agency of Medicines	Health Board, Medical Devices	Ministry of Social Affairs
Finland	Finnish Medicines Agency (FIMEA)	Finnish Medicines Agency (FIMEA)	Ministry of Social Affairs and Health
France	National Agency for Medicines and Health Products Safety (ANSM)	National Agency for Medicines and Health Products Safety (ANSM)	Ministry for Solidarity and Health
Germany	Federal Institute for Drugs and Medical Devices (BfArM), Paul-Ehrlich-Institut (PEI)	Federal Institute for Drugs and Medical Devices (BfArM)	Federal Ministry of Health
Greece	National Organization for Medicines	National Organization for Medicines	Ministry of Health

Hungary	National Institute of Pharmacy and Nutrition	Department for Medical Devices, National Institute of Pharmacy	Ministry of Human Capacities
Ireland	Health Products Regulatory Authority (HPRA)	Health Products Regulatory Authority (HPRA)	Department of Health
Italy	Italian Medicines Agency (AIFA)	Directorate-General for Medical Devices and Pharmaceutical Service	Ministry of Health
Latvia	State Agency of Medicines	State Agency of Medicines	Ministry of Health of the Republic of Latvia
Lithuania	State Medicines Control Agency	State Health Care Accreditation Agency	Ministry of Health of the Republic of Lithuania
Luxembourg	Ministry of Health	Ministry of Health	Ministry of Health
Malta	Medicines Authority	Malta Competition and Consumer Affairs Authority	Ministry for Health
Netherlands	Medicines Evaluation Board, Farmatec	Farmatec	Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport
Poland	Office for Registration of Medicinal Products, Medical Devices and Biocidal Products	Office for Registration of Medicinal Products, Medical Devices and Biocidal Products	Ministry of Health
Portugal	Infarmed	Infarmed	Ministry of Health

Romania	The National Agency for Medicines and Medical Devices (NAMMD)	The National Agency for Medicines and Medical Devices (NAMMD)	Ministry of Health
Slovakia	State Institute for Drug Control (SUKL)	State Institute for Drug Control (SUKL)	Ministry of Health of the Slovak Republic
Slovenia	Agency for Medicines and Medical Devices (JAZMP)	Agency for Medicines and Medical Devices (JAZMP)	Ministry of Health
Spain	Spanish Agency of Medicines and Medical Products (AEMPS)	Spanish Agency of Medicines and Medical Products (AEMPS)	Ministry of Health, Consumer Affairs and Social Welfare
Sweden	Medical Products Agency	Medical Products Agency	Ministry of Health and Social Affairs
United Kingdom	Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA)	Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA)	Department of Health and Social Care
European Free Trade Association (EFTA)			
Iceland	Icelandic Medicines Agency	Icelandic Medicines Agency	Ministry of Health
Liechtenstein	Office of Health	Office of Health	Office of Health
Norway	Norwegian Medicines Agency	Norwegian Medicines Agency	Ministry of Health and Care Services
Switzerland	Swissmedic	Swissmedic	Federal Office of Public Health (FOPH)
Other Countries			
Albania			Ministry of Health
Andorra			Ministry of Health

Belarus	Center for Expertise and Testing in Healthcare	Center for Expertise and Testing in Healthcare	Ministry of Health
Bosnia and Herzegovina	The Agency for Medicinal Product and Medical Devices	The Agency for Medicinal Product and Medical Devices	Federal Ministry of Health
Macedonia	Agency for Medicinal Products and Medical Devices	Agency for Medicinal Products and Medical Devices	Ministry of Health
Moldova	Medicines and Medical Devices Agency	Medicines and Medical Devices Agency	Ministry of Health, Labour and Social Protection
Montenegro	Agency for Medicines and Medical Devices of Montenegro	Agency for Medicines and Medical Devices of Montenegro	Ministry of Health
San Marino			Ministry of Health and Social Security
Serbia	Medicines and Medical Devices Agency of Serbia	Medicines and Medical Devices Agency of Serbia	Ministry of Health
Ukraine	State Service of Ukraine on Medicines and Drug Control	State Service of Ukraine on Medicines and Drug Control	Ministry of Health